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SUBJ: MOORER TESTIMONY ON DIEGO GARCIA - B-52S

1. TRANSCRIPT OF ADMIRAL MOORER AND DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENT'S TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE MARCH 12 NOT YET AVAILABLE. PRESS ACCOUNTS SUMMARIZED IN SEPTEL.

2. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF B-52'S AT DIEGO, DOD PROVIDED PRESS WITH FOLLOWING MATERIAL AFTER END OF HEARINGS:

3. QUOTE: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR NUMEROUS QUERIES: AS THE DEPARTMENT REPEATEDLY HAS SAID, WE RECOMMEND DEVELOPING AT DIEGO GARCIA A MODEST SUPPORT FACILITY THAT WILL ENABLE US TO SUPPORT U.S. NAVAL FORCES WHICH WILL BE DEPLOYED FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. OUR PLAN IS FOR A MODEST NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY, NOT A UNCLASSIFIED

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MAJOR BASE OF ANY SORT AND CERTAINLY NOT A B-52 BOMBER BASE.

4. THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION AT DIEGO GARCIA WILL NOT STRENGTHEN OR WIDEN THE RUNWAY SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT B-52 BOMBER OPERATIONS. A B-52 RUNWAY MUST BE AT LEAST 200 FEET WIDE AND HAVE APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE LOAD BEARING CAPACITY REQUIRED FOR KC-135 OR C-141 OPERATIONS.

THE PRESENT RUNWAY AT DIEGO GARCIA IS STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT KC-135 OR C-141 OPERATIONS BUT NEEDS AN ADDITIONAL 4,000 FEET (TOTAL LENGTH REQUIRED 12,000 FEET) TO HANDLE KC-135 AIRCRAFT CARRYING NEAR MAXIMUM LOAD.

5. PLEASE NOTE THIS AFTERNOON'S OPEN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE;

(A) ADMIRAL MOORER: IN ONE OF YOUR QUESTIONS THIS MORNING, SIR, ALTHOUGH I'M AFRAID I DIDN'T NOTICE IT AT THE TIME, I SHOULD HAVE, YOU MENTIONED B-52S. WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO OPERATE OR STATION B-52S IN THIS LIMITED SUPPORT FACILITY. THIS AIR FIELD WILL BE PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO LOGISTICS PURPOSES AND PERHAPS SOME ASW PATROL-TYPE AIRCRAFT, BUT THE AIR FIELD ITSELF AND THE PARKING AREA, ETC., WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE THE SCOPE OF OPERATIONS REPRESENTED BY THE B-52S. I WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR, SIR.

(B) SENATOR SYMINGTON: WHAT WOULD BE REASON IT COULDN'T HANDLE B-52S -- WOULD IT BE BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF CEMENT THAT YOU USE, CONCRETE, OR WOULD IT BE BECAUSE OF THE NARROWNESS OF THE BASE?

(C) ADMIRAL MOORER: AS I UNDERSTAND IT, SIR, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE STRENGTH OF THE RUNWAY, AND IT WOULD REQUIRE AS YOU KNOW, SENATOR, SOME ADDITIONS TO THE WIDTH OF THE RUNWAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE OUTRIGGERS ON THE WINGS OF THE B-52.

6. FOR THE MINIMAL COST OF LENGTHENING THE RUNWAY BY 4,000 FEET, WE WILL ACHIEVE A REFUELING CAPABILITY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE INDIAN OCEAN AND WESTERN PACIFIC AKIN TO THAT WE NOW ENJOY IN THE ATLANTIC. THIS WOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE ENROUTE REFUELING OF DEPLOYING AIRCRAFT OR TRANSITING AIRCRAFT. AS YOU KNOW, THE C-5 ALREADY HAS ENROUTE REFUELING CAPABILITY AND WE ARE CONTEMPLATING MODIFICATION OF THE C-141 FLEET TO ADD THAT CAPABILITY.

7. WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT COSTS: \$20.4 MILLION WAS SPENT IN PREVIOUS YEARS ON THE ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION FACILITY. \$29 MILLION IS REQUESTED IN THE FY-74 SUPPLEMENTAL. \$3.3 MILLION IS REQUESTED IN THE FY-75 BUDGET. NO COMMITMENT OF CONSTRUCTION FUNDS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED OR DETERMINED BEYOND THE FY-75 BUDGET PERIOD. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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